

TESTIMONY, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, 2009
IN SUPPORT OF SB661/Bottle Bill

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Yes I support our bottle bill SB661. I'll even drink to it! It has become an impressive flotilla on a collision course.

I live one block up from the Housatonic River, in Devon/Milford, CT and often walk down to a lovely inlet which opens to it's active waters. Close too, to the CT Audubon there is often wonderful wild life swimming along the banks. Unfortunately this small inlet also collects a pool of bottles that could make someone rich enough to open a savings account! Floating between the reeds and wild life, these bottles are claiming territory in unregistered waters... the ducks and swans are having a difficult time ducking for food without a plastic bottles bobbing off their fine feathered heads.

The river is active with sail boats, motor and on a good day wonderful old tugs, all too often contributing to plastic bottle flotilla ... making a deposit in the Housatonic River rather than, recycling, collecting cash instead of trash and contributing to our environment in a positive way. We can make a difference here. We must pass our SB661 bill on bottles a major bottle pollutant.

Thank you.

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